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DETAILED ACTION

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1,2,8-10,16 & 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saur- CA 2178655

Saur provides the instant granules; no actives are instantly claimed, no % or heat input is shown to be outside of normally used inputs & conditions, and the process would be expected to provide different leaching rates & other aspects of instability, as a function of applied temperature, pressure as a consequence of normal chemical & physical interactions with substances as additives, excipients actives & polymers. The ingredients instantly used are used by Sauer, as are the temperatures, whether or not Sauer correlated any effects with temperature, pressure, polymer % , molecular weight or monomers of which they are formed.

Applicant's arguments filed 12/20/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues Sauer does not have the instant inputs nor correlated leaching rates. Applicant argues these results are unexpected, one in the art would not have expected to find a correlation of heat input with any effect on CR properties. Examiner disagrees; one would expect CR properties & conditions to vary at least as the ingredients heated would be expected to respond to the heating conditions.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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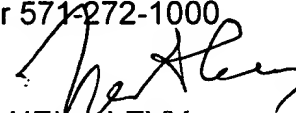
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NEIL LEVY whose telephone number is 571-272-0619. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday, 7 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MICHAEL WOODWARD can be reached on 571-272-8373. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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